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SUBJ: CCD-SUMMARY AND ASSESSMWNT OF PNE EXPERTS' MEETING

REF: A) GENEVA 5536; B) GENEVA 5619; C)GENEVA 5682; D) STATE 161330

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BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING IS REVIEW OF INFORMAL CCD PNE
EXPERTS' MEETING AND EELEGATION'S ASSESSMENT OF MEETING
AND PNE RELATED ACTIVITY IN CCD PLENARIES. END SUMMARY.

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1. CCD MET INFORMALLY WITH PNE EXPERTS JULY 14-18.

SESSIONS WERE HELD EACH DAY EXCEPT THURSDAY. EXPERTS FROM FRG, ITALY, JAPAN, SWEDEN, AND U.S. ATTENDED. JAPANESE AND US EXPERTS WERE MOST ACTIVE, USING THEIR WORKING PAPERS TABLED PREVIOUS WEEK AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS AND REPLIES TO QUESTIONS. CCD REPS OF CANADA, GDR, INDIA, IRAN, NETHERLAND AND USSR ALSO PARTICIPATED. RUSHCHIN (USSR) ATTENDED ALL INFORMAL SESSIONS AND MADE STATEMENT AT JULY 17 PLENARY. NO SOVIET EXPERTS ATTENDED BECAUSE, AS SOV DELOFF EXPLAINED IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS, IT WAS SOV VIEW THAT NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS ARE POLITICAL, NOT TECHNICAL, ISSUES.

2. U.S. WORKING PAPER (REFTEL D) AND PRESENTATIONS SEEMED TO BE WELL RECEIVED AND TO HAVE BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON MEETING. WE BELIEVE MEETINGS CONTRIBUTED TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARMS CONTROL ASPECTS OF PNEs, PARTICULARLY PROLIFERATION IMPLICATIONS, IMPACT ON CTB, LTBT CONSIDERATIONS, AND US POSITION ON THESE ISSUES. U.S. EXPERTS DID NOT ANSWER REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC DATA ON PNE VERIFICATION MEASURES BECAUSE THEY BORE ON TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT EXPERTS PROVIDED ANSWERS TO MOST QUESTIONS. THUS, U.S. APPEARED RESPONSIVE ON MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES.

3. U.S. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE RELATING TO LTBT, WERE WORDED SO AS TO AVOID IMPINGING ON MOSCOW NEGOTIATIONS. NEED FOR EXCAVATION PROJECTS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH LTBT AND LACK OF CURRENT U.S. INTEREST IN PNE EXCAVATION PROJECTS WERE AGAIN POINTED OUT IN FINAL EXPERTS SESSION.

4. IN OPENING AND CLOSING PRESENTATIONS, AS WELL AS ANSWERS, U.S. EXPERTS STRESSED MAIN POINTS IN U.S. WORKING PAPER. IN PARTICULAR EXPERTS STRESSED THAT ANY NUCLEAR DEVICE, NO MATTER HOW CRUDE AND UNSOPHISTICATED, CAN BE USED AS NUCLEAR WEAPON AND WOULD ADD ENORMOUSLY TO MILITARY CAPABILITY OF A STATE THAT PREVIOUSLY HAD NOT POSSESSED NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES. JAPANESE EXPERT IMAI, ON THE

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OTHER HAND, APPARENTLY DESIRING TO CONTAIN THE DAMAGE OF WHAT HE CONSIDERED AN INEVITABLE PROLIFERATION OF INDIGENOUS PNE PROGRAMS, PRESSED FOR EXAMINATION OF WAYS TO LIMIT WEAPON BENEFITS TO ANY NNWS THAT UNDERTOOK INDIGENOUS PNE PROGRAM. U.S. EXPERTS TOOK ISSUE WITH IMAI BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY ON THIS POINT. NETHERLANDS DEL CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT TO U.S. POSITION BY EXPRESSING GREAT SKEPTICISM ABOUT

THE PRACTICALITY OF SAFEGUARD SCHEMES DESIGNED TO MAKE SURE NUCLEAR MATERIAL IS USED IN PNES INSTEAD OF WEAPONS. SWEDEN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JAPANESE IDEA, AND OTHERS WERE NONCOMMITAL. ITALAIAN CCD REP SAID IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONALLY CONTROLLED PNE "WORLD BANK" MIGHT MERIT CONSIDERATION.

5. A CLEARLY FAVORABLE VIEW TOWARD THE IDEA OF INTERNATINAL CONTROL AND INSPECTION MECHANISMS FOR PNES WAS EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, BUT WITHOUT SPECIFYING HOW THESE WOULD WORK IN PRACTICE. THE U.S. EXPERTS INDICATED THAT PROPER INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS FOR ACCOMPLISHING TASKS RELATED TO PNES SHOULD BE UNDER IAEA AUSPICES AND DISCOURAGED PROPOSALS DESIGNED TO LIMIT ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNES CONDUCTED OUTSIDE NPT, ON GROUNDS THEY WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE AND WOULD WEAKEN NPT REMINE.

6. THERE WAS UNANIMITY EXCEPT FOR INDIA ON NEED TO MAKE SURE NUCLEAR WEAPON CABABILITIES DO NOT PROLIFERATE TO ADDITIONAL NNWS. ALTHOUGH USSR AND GDR MINIMIZED PROBLEM OF PNES UNDER CTB , MOST DELEGATIONS SEEMED TO RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF PROBLEM. NO DEL SAID FLATLY THAT PNES MUST BE EITHER BANNED OR ALLOWED UNDER A CTB. HOWEVER, SOVIETS IMPLIED IN PLENARY STATEMENT THEY EXPECTED PNE ACCOMMODATIONS UNDER A CTB. FRG, JAPAN, IRAN, ITALY INDICATED PNES EITHER COULD NOT OR SHOULD NOT BE BANNED SO LONG AS ECONOMIC UTILITY NOT DISPROVED. CANADA ALONE URGED CONSIDERATION OF PNE MORATORIUM UNTIL PROBLEM OF CTB ACCOMMODATION COULD BE SOLVED (REFTEL F).

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7. INDIAN REP MISHRA WAS SILENT FOR MOST PART. EARLY IN WEEK HE NOTED THAT INDIAN PNE DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL LAW AND OBJECTED TO SUGGESTION THAT NPT CONFERENCE DOCUMENT BE CIRCULATED. AT FINAL SESSION, AFTER DIRECTING POINTED QUESTIONS AT USDEL (SEPTTEL), MISHRA ANNOUNCED THAT EXPERTS MEETING HAD FAILED TO ADD TO KNOWLEDGE. PNE ISSUE REMAINS POLITICAL; THOSE WHO SUPPORTED NPT AT START OF MEETING DID SO AT END AND CONVERSELY. NISIBORI (JAPAN) RESPONDED WITH HIS OWN SUMMATION, WICH EMPHASIZED EXPERTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF SUBJECT. AS INDICATED ABOVE, US DEL SHARES JAPANESE EVALUATION THAT EXPERTS MEETING WAS USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO UNDERSTANDING OF PNE ISSUES. DALE

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